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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's October 30, 2003 Office action and the Advisory Action mailed March 26, 2004 finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$165.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith. 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). Applicants have filed concurrently a petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on April 30, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-551CONS2 (CURA-51CONS2). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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